

El Tovar Apartments

Address: 320 E. Grand Blvd.

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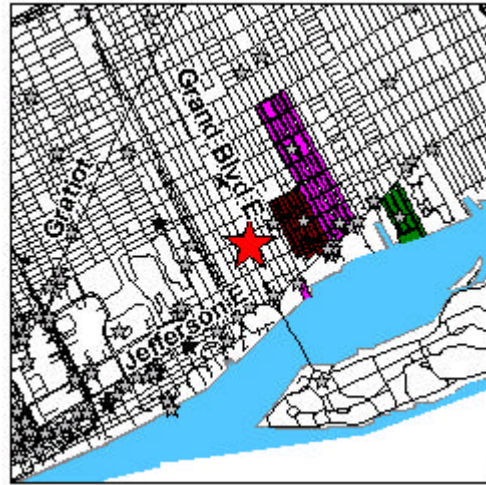
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Historic Overview:

The El Tovar Apartment building is an excellent Detroit example of Spanish Moorish/Art Deco style. It represents a change in the development pattern along major thoroughfares from low density to higher density that took place before the Great Depression. The building was built in 1928 by the Michigan Land and Home Corporation and its architects are believed to be the Detroit partnership of Wiedmaier and Gay.

The building is 4 ½-stories of orange brick. The building is U-shaped in plan and can be entered through a recessed central pavilion. The name *El Tovar* is above the entrance. The exterior of the building exhibits limestone trim, deep orange terra cotta accents, and a Spanish tile roof.¹



¹ Information obtained from Michigan Historic Sites Online.